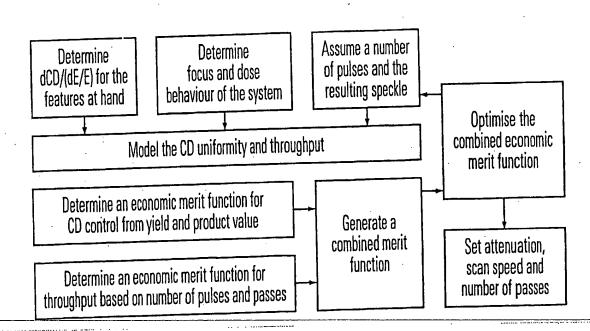


Illumination field with speckle seen through a mask with:

a. transistor gate structures

b. contact holes (conceptual image) FIG. 1



Procedure for optimizing the economics for a particular layer.

FIG. 2

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|              |  |                                  |              |                |              |                |               |                | 400              | 457              | 407          | 157               | 157             |
|--------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Wavelength   | nm   | 248                              | 248          | 248            | 248          | 193            | 193           | 193            | 193              | 157              | 157          | 157               | 157             |
| Bandwidth    | pm   | 0.2                              | 0.4          | 8.0            | 1.6          | 0.2            | 0.4           | 0.8            | 1.6              | 0.2              | 0.4          | 0.8               | 1.6             |
|              |  |                                  |              |                |              |                |               |                |                  |                  |              |                   |                 |
| No of pulses | Pulse lengui                                 | Illumination variation (3 sigma) |              |                |              |                |               |                |                  |                  |              |                   |                 |
|              | ns   | 0.00/                            | C 20/        | A AD/          | 3.1%         | 6.8%           |               | 3.4%           |                  |                  | 3.9%         | 2.8%              | 2.0%            |
| 20           |  |                                  | 6.2%<br>5.1% | 4.4%<br>3.6%   | 2.5%         | 5.6%           | 3.9%          | 2.8%           | 2.0%             |                  |              | 2.3%              | 1.6%            |
| . 20         | 30  <br>40                                   | 6.2%                             | 4.4%         | 3.1%           | 2.2%         | 4.8%           | 3.4%          | 2.4%           | 1.7%             | 3.9%             |              |                   | 1.4%            |
| 20 20        | 60   | 5.1%                             | 3.6%         | 2.5%           | 1.8%         | 3.9%           | 2.8%          | 2.0%           | 1.4%             | 3.2%             | 2.3%         |                   | 1.1%            |
| 20           | 100  | 3.9%                             | 2.8%         | 2.0%           | 1.4%         | 3.1%           | 2.2%          | 1.5%           | 1.1%             | 2.5%             | 1.8%         |                   | 0.9%            |
| 20           | 200  | 2.8%                             | 2.0%         | 1.4%           | 1.0%         | 2.2%           | 1.5%          | 1.1%           | 0.8%             | 1.8%             | 1.2%         | 0.570             | 0.0 /0          |
|              | 20   | 7.2%                             | 5.1%         | 3.6%           | 2,5%         | 5.6%           | 3.9%          | 2.8%           | 2.0%             | 4.5%             | 3.2%         |                   | 1.6%            |
| 30           | 30   | 5.8%                             | 4.1%         | 2.9%           | 2.1%         | 4.5%           | 3.2%          | 2.3%           | 1.6%             | 3.7%             | 2.6%         |                   | 1.3%            |
| 30           | 40   | 5.1%                             | 3.6%         | 2.5%           | 1.8%         | 3.9%           | 2.8%          | 2.0%           | 1.4%             | 3.2%             | 2.3%         |                   | 1.1%            |
| 30           | 60   | 4.1%                             | 2.9%         | 2.1%           | 1.5%         | 3.2%           | 2.3%          | 1.6%           | 1.1%<br>0.9%     | 2.6%<br>2.0%     | 1.9%<br>1.4% | 1.3%<br>1.0%      | 0.5%            |
| 30           | 100  | 3.2%                             | 2.3%         | 1.6%           | 1.1%         | 2.5%           | 1.8%<br>1.2%  | 1.2%<br>0.9%   | 0.5%             | 1.4%             | 1.0%         | 0.7%              | 0.5%            |
| 30           | 200  | 2.3%                             | 1.6%         | 1.1%           | 0.8%         | 1.8%           | 1.2 /0        | 0.070          |                  |                  |              |                   | 1               |
| 40           | 20   | 6.2%                             | 4.4%         | 3.1%           |              |                |               |                |                  | 3.9%             | 2.8%         | 2.0%              | 1.4%            |
| 40           |  | 5.1%                             |              |                |              |                |               |                |                  | 3.2%             | 2.3%<br>2.0% | 1.6%<br>1.4%      | 1.1%            |
| 40           | 40   | 4.4%                             |              |                | 1.6%         |                |               |                |                  | 2.8%<br>2.3%     | 1.6%         | 1.1%              | 0.8%            |
| 40           |  | 3.6%                             |              |                |              |                |               |                |                  | 1.8%             |              | 0.9%              | 0.6%            |
| 40           |  | 2.8%                             | 2.0%<br>1.4% |                |              |                |               |                |                  |                  |              | 0.6%              | 0.4%            |
| 40           | 200  | 2.070                            | 1.470        |                |              |                |               |                |                  |                  | 2.3%         | 1.6%              | 1.1%            |
| 60           | 20   | 5.1%                             |              |                |              |                |               |                |                  |                  |              | 1.3%              | 0.9%            |
| - 60         | 30   | 4.1%                             |              |                |              |                |               |                |                  | 1                |              |                   | 0.8%            |
| 60           |  | 3.6%                             |              |                |              |                |               |                |                  | •                | 1.3%         | 0.9%              | 0.7%            |
| 60           |  | 2.9%                             |              |                |              |                |               |                |                  | 1.4%             |              | .0.7%             |                 |
| 60           |  | 1                                |              | 0.89           |              |                |               |                | 6 0.4%           | 1.0%             | 0.7%         | 0.5%              | 0.4%            |
|              | •  |                                  |              |                |              | 6 3.19         | 6 2.29        | % 1.59         | 6 1.1%           | 2.5%             | i 1.8%       | 1.2%              | 0.9%            |
| 10           |  |                                  |              |                |              |                |               |                |                  |                  |              | 1.0%              | 0.7%            |
| 10           |  |                                  |              |                |              |                | -             |                | 6 0.8%           | 6 1.8%           | 1.2%         | 0.9%              |                 |
| 10           | •  |                                  |              | / 4 40         | / 0.00       | / 100          | L 129         | ¼ በ <b>ባ</b> ባ | 6 0.6%           | 6 1.4%           | 6 1.0%       | 0.7%              | 0.5%            |
| 10           | · 466  |                                  | 6 1.29       | 6 0.99         | 6 0.69       | 6 1.49         | 6 1.0°        | % 0.79         | 6 0.5%           | 6 1.1%           | 6 U.8%       | U.0%              | 0.4%<br>0.3%    |
| 10           | ~ ^ ^  |                                  | 6 0.99       | % 0.6°         | % 0.49       | % 1.0°         | % 0.79        | % 0.5°         | % U.3%           | % U.8%           | 0.07         | U.770             | 0.070           |
|              |  | 1 2 29                           | ‰ ኃበ         | % 1 <b>4</b> ° | % 1.0°       | % 2.2°         | % 1.5°        | % 1.1°         | % 0.89           | 6 1.89<br>4 1.49 | 6 1.2%       | 0.9%              | 0.6%            |
| 20           | <u>,                                    </u> | 2.3                              | % 1.6°       | %-1:1º         | %0:8º        | % 1.b          | 1.Z           | %-U.U.         | 70-0:0-7         | /                | 0            | 60.7%             | _0.5%<br>5 0.4% |
| 20           |  |                                  | % 1.4'       | % 1.0'         | % 0./'       | <b>% 1.5</b> ' | % I.I         | % U.D          | 70 U.J           | 10 1.2           | 10 U.U.      | 6 0.6%<br>6 0.5%  | 0.170           |
| 20           | 00 60  | 1.69                             |              | % 0.8          | % 0.6        | % 1.2°         | % 0.9         | % U.b'         | % 0.49<br>% n.39 | % 1.09<br>% 0.89 |              | 6 0.576<br>6 0.4% |                 |
| 20           | 00 10  | 0 1.2                            | % 0.9        | % U.6          | % 0.4°       |                | % ሀ./<br>% በፍ | 70 ሀ.ጋ<br>% በገ | % 0.3°<br>% 0.2° |                  |              | 6 0.3%            |                 |
| ! 20         | oo ' 201                                     | U   U.9'                         | % U.6        | % U.4          | % <u>0.3</u> | 70 U.7         | 70 0.0        | 70 0.0         | ,, ,,,           |                  |              |                   |                 |

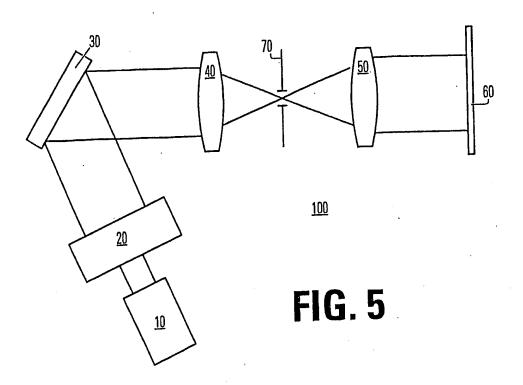
FIG. 3

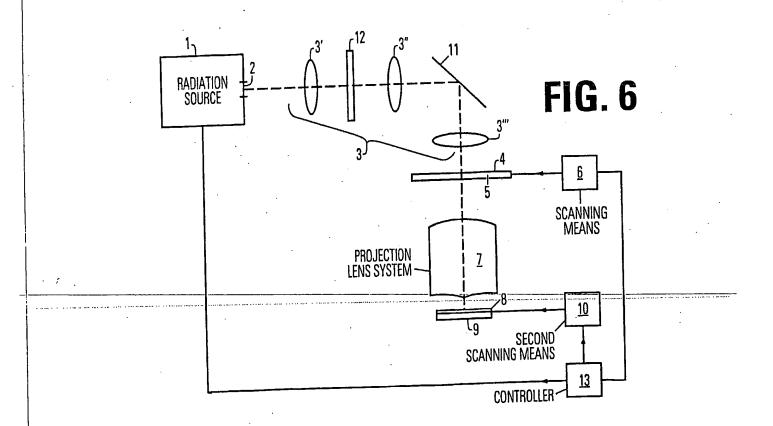
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| Wavelength   | nm              | 248<br>10                        | 248<br>20 | 248<br>30 | 248<br>40 | 193<br>10 | 193<br>20 | 193<br>30 | 193<br>40 | 157<br>10 | 157<br>20 | 157<br>30   | 157<br>40 |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Pulse length | ns<br>          |                                  | 20        |           |           | · · · · · |           |           |           |           |           | <del></del> |           |
| Polarised 6  | Bandwidth<br>ns | Illumination variation (3 sigma) |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |             |           |
| Yes          | 1               | 24.8%                            | 17.5%     | 14.3%     | 12.4%     | 19.3%     | 13.6%     | 11.1%     | 9.7%      | 15.7%     | 11.1%     | 9.1%        | 7.9%      |
| Yes          | 10              | 7.8%                             | 5.5%      | 4.5%      | 3.9%      | 6.1%      | 4.3%      | 3.5%      | 3.1%      | 5.0%      | 3.5%      | 2.9%        | 2.5%      |
| Yes          | 14              | 6.6%                             | 4.7%      | 3.8%      | 3.3%      | 5.2%      | 3.6%      | 3.0%      | 2.6%      | 4.2%      | 3.0%      | 2.4%        | 2.1%      |
| Yes          | 20              | 5.5%                             | 3.9%      | 3.2%      | 2.8%      | 4.3%      | 3.1%      | 2.5%      | 2.2%      | 3.5%      | 2.5%      | 2.0%        | 1.8%      |
| Yes          | 30              | 4.5%                             | 3.2%      | 2.6%      | 2.3%      | 3.5%      | 2.5%      | 2.0%      | 1.8%      | 2.9%      | 2.0%      | 1.7%        | 1.4%      |
| Yes          | 40              | 3.9%                             | 2.8%      | 2.3%      | 2.0%      | 3.1%      | 2.2%      | 1.8%      | 1.5%      | 2.5%      | 1.8%      | 1.4%        | 1.2%      |
| Yes          | 40<br>50        | 3.5%                             | 2.5%      | 2.0%      | 1.8%      | 2.7%      | 1.9%      | 1.6%      | 1.4%      | 2.2%      | 1.6%      | 1.3%        | 1.1%      |
| Yes          | 100             | 2.5%                             | 1.8%      | 1.4%      | 1.2%      | 1.9%      | 1.4%      | 1.1%      | 1.0%      | 1.6%      | 1.1%      | 0.9%        | 0.8%      |
| No.          | 1               | 24.8%                            | 17.5%     | 14.3%     | 12.4%     | 19.3%     | 13.6%     | 11.1%     | 9.7%      | 15.7%     | 11.1%     | 9.1%        | 7.99      |
| No           | 10              | 7.8%                             | 5.5%      | 4.5%      | 3.9%      | 6.1%      | 4.3%      | 3.5%      | 3.1%      | 5.0%      | 3.5%      | 2.9%        | 2.5%      |
| No           | 14              | 6.6%                             | 4.7%      | 3.8%      | 3.3%      | 5.2%      | 3.6%      | 3.0%      | 2.6%      | 4.2%      | 3.0%      | 2.4%        | 2.19      |
| No           | 20              | 5.5%                             | 3.9%      | 3.2%      | 2.8%      | 4.3%      | 3.1%      | 2.5%      | 2.2%      | 3.5%      | 2.5%      | 2.0%        | 1.81      |
| No No        | 30              | 4.5%                             | 3.2%      | 2.6%      | 2.3%      | 3.5%      | 2.5%      | 2.0%      | 1.8%      | 2.9%      | 2.0%      | 1.7%        | 1.4       |
| No           |                 | 3.9%                             | •         | 2.3%      | 2.0%      | 3.1%      | 2.2%      | 1.8%      | 1.5%      | 2.5%      | 1.8%      | 1.4%        | 1.2       |
| No           |                 | 3.5%                             |           | 2.0%      | 1.8%      | 2.7%      | 1.9%      | 1.6%      | 1.4%      | 2.2%      | 1.6%      | 1.3%        | 1.1       |
| No           |                 | ١.                               |           |           | ٠.        | 1.9%      | 1.4%      | 1.1%      | 1.0%      | 1.6%      | 1.1%      | 0,9%        | 0.8       |

FIG. 4





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